
10:30am Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRELUDE** *Trumpet Tune* Gordon Young**CALL TO WORSHIP****INTROIT** *Worship God with Music* Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir***HYMN #12** *Praise Him! Praise Him!***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most holy and gracious God, you have blessed us with gifts from your Spirit, gifts to help others and gifts to build your church. Yet, we have neglected those gifts and even hidden them because of our fears and selfishness. As a result, our church is weaker and our witness ineffective. Please forgive us and help us to use those spiritual gifts to strengthen your church and mission, to the glory and praise of your name and to the blessings of all around us. *(Silent Confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE***GLORIA PATRI #813*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Brief Statement of Faith (Lines 7-26) *(Unison)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

ANTHEM *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir**PASTORAL PRAYER****RESPONSE** *Someone Who Cares* Randall Curtis**OFFERTORY** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* arr. Wilbur Held***DOXOLOGY #815*****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, as you have shared life and love with us, lead us to share even more generously our lives and our love. May we know that as we give and share, others come to know you in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to you so that through your church we might be helpful and generous in love to a world in great need. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:16-20**MESSAGE** *You will stand...* Pastor Larry Yerger***HYMN #508** *Love Lifted Me****BENEDICTION*****RESPONSE** *Go In Peace* Randall Curtis

Hearing assist devices are available at the tech booth – please feel free to ask for one.
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Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service

9:00am New Beginnings Service

GATHERING SONG *Every Move I Make***WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS*****PRAISING GOD IN SONG** *How Majestic Is Your Name*
He Who Began a Good Work
*Trust In the Lord***PRAYER****OFFERING** *He Knows My Name***SPECIAL MUSIC** *Because We Believe*
New Beginnings Praise Team**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 10:16-20**MESSAGE** *You will stand...* Pastor Larry Yerger***CLOSING SONG** *God Will Make a Way*

MINISTRY OF PRAYER***Prayer Focus***

- Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- Pray for those who serve in the military and their families during the war against terrorism.
- Pray for our church and new denomination as we seek ways to reach the lost and needy in our community and world.
- The family of CCSO Sgt. Michael Wilson who was killed in the line of duty August 5, 2013 and the law enforcement officers who daily put their lives on the line for us.

Those with Special Needs

Betty Stroth	Doris Henning
Helmut Ehrhardt	Paul & Arlene Gebel
Joyce Kiskaddon	Rev. Larry Yerger
Kay Callahan	Ella Sifferd
Jerry & Nancy Julius	Rob & Jennifer Taylor & family
Larry Mesler	Carol Foster
Fred Tabert	

Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

Sarah Ferry, <i>Rosie's Adult Family Care</i>	Dorothy Blue, <i>Harbor Terrace</i>
Barbara Shinn, <i>The Palms of Punta Gorda</i>	Marion Brown, <i>Royal Palm</i>
Esther Wheeler, <i>Life Care Center</i>	

**Please keep the office updated concerning your requests. Requests will be listed for 4 weeks and then removed unless updated.*

CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.**FLOWERS** – The flowers are given this morning by Helmut and Phyllis Ehrhardt in memory of Ingrid and Frank.**APRIL NEWSLETTER** is available on the handout table and on our website.**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

PRAYER MEETING – A weekly prayer meeting is being offered on **Sunday evenings at 6pm** in the Conference Room. Come and be a part of what God's Spirit is doing in our church and community.

SUMMERTIME SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP – **Sign up TODAY** to participate in a small group fellowship once a month from May through September. The devotional focus will be “Making the Bible a Well Known Book”. Groups will meet on a date agreed upon in their individual group.

BIBLE STUDY AT FPCPG – Participate in a Bible study with Rev. Larry Yerger every **Wednesday at 10am**. Our current study is the Book of Daniel. New attendees are always welcome to join us.

R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Out Someplace) & J.U.L.I.E.T.S. (Joyful Understanding Ladies Inconspicuously Eating Together Someplace) - will be meeting at Sky View Café at the Punta Gorda Airport at **8:00am this Thursday, April 30th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet **Tuesday, May 5th**. The spring/summer session is based on the book of Luke, using *Living with Passion & Purpose* by Elizabeth George as our study guide. The study meets at the home of Robert and Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande Drive, Punta Gorda Isles, and starts at 10am. The study is about 1½ hours long with time for refreshments and fellowship. All women of the church are welcome.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – Mark your calendars for our country's National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 7th**.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR – On **Friday, May 15th**, FPCPG will serve a free meal for people who need food assistance from 5–7pm. We need volunteers to help serve, greet the people, and clean up afterwards. If you can help, please sign up in the church entrance.

HELPING MISIÓN PENIEL – The migrants are in need of GENTLY USED BLANKETS, SHEETS AND TOWELS. They also need LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRTS AND REGULAR SHIRTS. Please put donations in the wicker basket in the church entrance. If you would like to volunteer to help with serving the meal at Misión Peniel, talk to Dianne Sizemore. The next Mission Team trip to Immokalee will be **Friday, May 22nd**, carpooling from the church at 12:15pm.

PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Steve's prayer email list, please email Pastor Steve at steve@fpcpunta.org.

OUR DAILY BREAD – Pick up a copy of this booklet of daily devotionals on the back table in the Sanctuary.

TREASURES TABLE – Presbyterian Women has resumed their Priceless Treasures fundraiser. A table is available in the Fellowship Hall for you to put your donations on. (No clothing, please.) If you find a “treasure” that you would like, just put your donation in the container provided. Proceeds are for outreach projects.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM requests your comments & suggestions for our activities. An “idea box” is on the sign-up table in the church entrance.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT – We are financially helping to support Rob and Jennifer Taylor and their four children in their 2-year commitment to the mission field in Zambia, Africa. Please pray for them. If you would like to donate to this mission, please make your check out to the church and in the memo line enter “Taylor Family.” Thanks - your Mission Team.

PLEASE BRING IN FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY - Let us see the blue food bin overflowing each week. **Some suggestions: peanut butter, jelly, cereal and soup.**

AMI KIDS CROSSROADS – Crossroads is in need of operating funds. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write “Crossroads.”

MUSIC MINISTRY - Special Music is available in an mp3 format by emailing Randy at rpc1220@me.com. We also have a private Facebook page where music and occasional videos are uploaded for your enjoyment. To be invited to this page please email Randy at rpc1220@me.com. Live streaming of both services are available on the Church's website homepage by clicking on the link: WATCH LIVE AND RECENT SERVICES HERE. Your comments, thoughts and ideas are also welcome.

FLOWERS – May be funded for the **cost of \$37**. To make a donation, sign up at the sign-up table in the church lobby. If the flowers are in honor and/or in memory of something or someone, please put that on the sign-up sheet.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK
April 26th thru May 3rd

Sunday, April 26

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

10:00am Bible Study

Thursday, April 30

8:00am R.O.M.E.O.S. & J.U.L.I.E.T.S.
5:30pm Praise Team
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 3

9:00am *New Beginnings* Worship
10:30am Traditional Worship
6:00pm Prayer Service

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 10:16-20 (NLT)

16 “Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.

17 But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues.

18 You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me.

19 When you are arrested, don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time.

20 For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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OUR VISION AND PURPOSE

LOVING...

... God and others through worship and fellowship

GROWING...

... in our understanding Jesus and God’s purposes for us through Bible study, and developing our ministries to serve God and others

GOING...

... into God’s world with His message of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, and with His ministries of compassion and mercy

ALL IN JESUS’ NAME!

ECO’S VISION

... to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ

April 26, 2015

9:00am & 10:30am

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad to welcome each visitor and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God’s call with this congregation. If you are living in this area, either permanently or for the season, we invite you to join hands in ministry with us by becoming a covenant partner of our congregation.

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